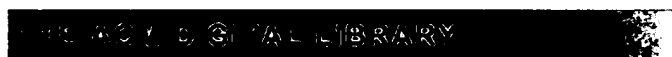




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Financial companies, engineering firms and even scientists create increasingly larger spreadsheets and spreadsheet programs. The creators of large spreadsheets make errors and must track them down. One common class of errors concerns unit errors, because spreadsheets often employ formulas with physical or monetary units. In this paper, we describe XeLda, our tool for unit checking Excel spreadsheets. The tool highlights cells if their formulas process values with incorrect units and if derived units clas ...



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We describe extensions to the Excel spreadsheet that integrate user-defined functions into the spreadsheet grid, rather than treating them as a "bolt-on". Our first objective was to bring the benefits of additional programming language features to a system that is often not recognised as a programming language. Second, in a project involving the evolution of a well-established language, compatibility with previous versions is a major issue, and maintaining this compatibility was our second objec ...



3 [Industrial session: query processing and optimization: Query by Excel](#)

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Spreadsheets, and MS Excel in particular, are established analysis tools. They offer an



attractive user interface, provide an easy to use computational model, and offer substantial interactivity for what-if analysis. However, as opposed to RDBMS, spreadsheets do not provide a central repository hence they do not provide shareability of models built in Excel and lead to proliferation of multiple copies of the same spreadsheet. Furthermore, spreadsheets do not offer scalable computation, for examp ...

4 Testing and analysis: Automatic generation and maintenance of correct spreadsheets



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Existing spreadsheet systems allow users to change cells arbitrarily, which is a major source of spreadsheet errors. We propose a system that prevents errors in spreadsheets by restricting spreadsheet updates to only those that are logically and technically correct. The system is based on the concept of templates that describe the principal structure of the initial spreadsheet and all of its future versions. We have developed a program generator that translates a template into an initial spreads ...

Keywords: end-user software engineering, error prevention, program generation, spreadsheet, template, type system

5 Spreadsheet structure inspection using low level access and visualisation

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Spreadsheets are an extremely common form of end-user programming used for many applications from student marks to accounting for global multinationals. Ways of studying the structure of a spreadsheet itself is normally constrained to the tools provided in the spreadsheet software. We wanted to explore ways to use new visualisations for spreadsheets, and this paper documents our approach.

Keywords: end user programming, spreadsheets, visualisation

6 A generalised spreadsheet verification methodology

Nick Randolph, John Morris, Gareth Lee

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Although spreadsheets have been around for over thirty years, we are only just realising their importance. Most companies use spreadsheets in their decision-making processes, but rarely employ any form of testing. This paper shows how an "all-uses" test adequacy technique can be integrated into Microsoft's Excel. The modular technique adopted makes the implementation spreadsheet package independent. It also includes a user interface, to assist developers specify test cases and a technique for re ...

Keywords: errors, software testing, spreadsheets, verification